

The Dawson Academy Core Curriculum

The Dawson Academy Core Curriculum, also known as The Concept of Complete Dentistry®, teaches the fundamental principles and clinical skills that make dentistry completely predictable. The essence of the curriculum is that the teeth are only one part of the masticatory system and when the entire system functions in harmony, teeth are healthy and stable.

Understanding the masticatory system enables you to precisely determine the exact position and contour of anterior teeth – no guess work required. When examined and diagnosed within the framework of the entire system, problems such as excessive tooth wear, sore teeth and masticatory muscles, and fractured restorations can all be solved. Completion of the Core Curriculum will move you beyond being a “tooth doctor” and set you on the path of becoming a “physician of the masticatory system.”

If you are a dentist or lab technician and new to The Dawson Academy, we recommend you begin with this track.

1 PHASE

Functional Occlusion -
From TMJ to Smile Design*

2 PHASE

Examination and Records
Treatment Planning
Functional Esthetic Excellence*

3 PHASE

The Art & Science of
Equilibration
Esthetics Foundation 1 -
Restoring Anterior Teeth*

RECOMMENDED FOR LAB TECHNICIANS

Phase 2 - Hands-On

Examination and Records

The cornerstone of the Dawson philosophy begins with a thorough, complete examination and the accurate gathering of necessary records. As Dr. Dawson says "every great treatment plan starts with a well organized diagnostic records appointment".

The examination and accompanying records are the first step in the process of complete dentistry. In this hands on course, participants will learn a programmed approach to the complete exam and practice all aspects of that process. Students will be ready to integrate the complete exam in practice on Monday morning.

You Will Learn How to:

- ▶ Learn the co-diagnostic process of the examination and how to ask future focus questions.
- ▶ Understand the diagnostic purpose of each question in a screening history.
- ▶ Evaluate the masticatory system for instability in the TM joints, muscles and teeth.
- ▶ Learn bilateral manipulation and how to obtain an accurate verifiable centric relation bite record.
- ▶ Master the use of a lucia jig to help obtain a centric relation bite record.
- ▶ Verify how to do a correct face-bow transfer and why it is critical to both the diagnostic and restorative phases of treatment.
- ▶ Mount casts using the face-bow transfer and CR record on a semi-adjustable articulator.
- ▶ Acquire the skills to use a macro digital camera to shoot a series of diagnostic photographs.
- ▶ Evaluate the condition of the muscles of mastication.
- ▶ Develop a process to integrate a complete examination into a busy practice.
- ▶ Know how to present the need for diagnostic records and gain patient acceptance for them.



Class Hours

Day 1 & 2 – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Day 3 – 9:00 am to 12:30 pm



CE Credits

15



This Course is For
General Dentists
Specialists



Dates & Locations

June 5 - 7, 2017
Bangalore



Tuition Fee *

\$ 3500
(Including Accommodation)*



Student Review

"The course was excellent. I have been to many CE courses but nothing came even close to the impact this will have on my career as a dentist, I can't wait to take the next course!!"
Dr. Amir Daoud

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* Limited accommodations First Come First Serve



Phase 2 - Hands-On

Treatment Planning Functional Esthetic Excellence

This course provides a programmed approach to predictably diagnose and treatment plan simple to extremely difficult cases. You will discover how to visualize optimum dentistry from an esthetic, functional, biological and structural perspective. Additionally, you will learn to apply the 4 treatment options: reshaping, repositioning, restoring and surgical correction.

Our instructors walk through case studies showing you the correct option(s) for each patient. Once a specific, complete treatment plan is decided upon, then attendees will determine and discuss how to sequence the treatment for efficiency and profitability. Students will also learn how to segment large treatment plans enabling patients with financial issues to receive optimum treatment over time without compromising their oral health.

How to present your treatment plan will also be discussed, as well as many other aspects of procedures and materials.

You Will Learn How to:

- ▶ Establish a step-by-step process for treatment planning any restorative case, from the simplest to the most complex.
- ▶ Explore why 90% of mistakes occur not during the restorative phase, but rather during the treatment planning process.
- ▶ Plan and visualize ideal esthetics and ideal function.
- ▶ Master all of the critical checklists used to treatment plan every case.
- ▶ Investigate how the teeth should be positioned in space for optimum esthetics, phonetics and function.
- ▶ Identify specifically how to utilize the diagnostic photographs in conjunction with mounted diagnostic models to visualize an optimum course of treatment.
- ▶ Develop an ideal, efficient and profitable treatment sequence for each case.
- ▶ Create a segmented treatment plan so that optimum care can be delivered over a longer period of time if necessary.
- ▶ Organize your schedule and create a treatment planning process within your practice.



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June 8 - 10 , 2017
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Student Review

"There are many big "Aha!" moments in this course. In general, it gives the practitioner concrete proof that complex cases can be treated by "mere mortal" dentists."

Dr. Harry Raff

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Esthetic Foundations 1

Restoring Anterior Teeth

Restoring anterior teeth and managing dental esthetics with predictability, truly represents the culmination of our understanding of how this intricate system is designed. Students will develop the confidence in diagnosis, material selection, preparation design and the creation of key indices to insure predictability in delivering exquisite anterior restorations.

The clinician will have the opportunity to transition the knowledge gained in the “2D” treatment planning mode into a “3D” dental blue print through the use of mounted diagnostic models and the minimal wax technique. The understanding of Smile Design in an advanced level of treatment planning affords the ability to begin with the end in mind, creating an esthetic result that reflects a functionally sound design and insures durability.

The critical information obtained in creating this dental blue print will allow for the fabrication of reduction guides and provisional matrixes to increase your efficiency, productivity and accuracy chairside. We also provide key concepts in the single most important step in insuring predictability in indirect restorations - creating exquisite prototypes.

Special emphasis will be placed on contouring the provisional restoration and why this is key to long-term functional and esthetic success in every case you perform. Finally, we will discuss in detail the cementation and adhesive options so that the proper course of action is matched with each material.

You Will Learn How to:

- ▶ Understand the key concepts of smile design relative to global, macro and micro criteria and their assessment related to function and phonetics.
- ▶ Develop the skill in creating a “Dental Blue Print” that will enable the production of key indices and stents that will facilitate preparation and provisionalization.
- ▶ Understand the fluid concepts of preparation design as it relates to functional needs, esthetics and the parameters of new materials.
- ▶ Learn an effective and efficient provisionalization technique.
- ▶ Understand the key elements related to the assessment of the prototypes to insure predictability in the final restorations.
- ▶ Learn the key elements in laboratory communication to insure a predictable result.
- ▶ Understand the concepts of adhesion and the clinical protocol in the luting of final restorations.



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Nov 6 - 8, 2017
Bangalore



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Student Review

“CONFIDENCE! I now know what to do with the complex cases that come my way. The area in which I practice is filled with lots of patients with wearing problems.”

Dr. Stanley Mitchell



Phase 3 - Hands-On

The Art & Science of Equilibration

Occlusal Equilibration is one of the most important skills a dentist should have and provides one of the most beneficial outcomes for patients when properly performed. Many dentists are fearful of altering occlusions and have been led to believe doing so can harm patients. However, if proper equilibration procedures are performed on properly selected patients, after proper analysis, the level of predictability is near 100%.

This course will teach you how to implement a process of occlusal therapy within your dental practice. Participants will be shown the importance of the trial equilibration and given the opportunity to adjust several different case types. Participants will gain the knowledge and confidence to return home and implement occlusal treatments.

You Will Learn How to:

- ▶ Design a stable, minimal stress occlusion (lines in front, dots in back).
- ▶ Recognize when to equilibrate your patient and when other options should be considered.
- ▶ Plan how to schedule the equilibration appointment.
- ▶ Choose appropriate articulation paper to mark each type of occlusal interference.
- ▶ Assess when an occlusal splint should be considered prior to reshaping, repositioning or restoring.
- ▶ Evaluate how to efficiently equilibrate the natural dentition.
- ▶ Select, train and work with a dental assistant to efficiently adjust an occlusal splint and/or equilibrate the dentition.
- ▶ Verify when to use a full arch occlusal splint, and when to use an anterior deprogramming appliance.
- ▶ Evaluate and apply the use of T-Scan technology to refine and finish equilibration.



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Nov 9 - 11, 2017
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Student Review

"I feel much more comfortable with equilibration now... I understood what it was and why it was needed prior to the course but now I understand how to implement it and feel more confident discussing it with patients"

Dr. Julia Skinner

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